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SUBJECT: CHILDREN'S SURVIVAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CSAP)
REF: STATE 15246

1. ~~1.0~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. TFHA/H AND SLO HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE PROJECT HOPE WILL ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS WITH GOH OR HONDURAN CIVILIANS IN IMPLEMENTING A CSAP PROJECT. TO 'THE CONTRARY, HOPE HAS ONGOING PROJECTS IN HONDURAS WHICH ARE PERFORMING WELL, AND HOPE APPEARS TO HAVE EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH GOH INSTITUTIONS. TFHA/H CONSULTED APPROPRIATE USAID/H REPRESENTATIVES WHO REPORT THEY KNOW OF NO ADVERSE PUBLICITY OR POOR PERCEPTIONS ABOUT HOPE. FURTHER, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT, HONDURANS, AS PHRASED IN REFTEL, QUOTE PERCEIVE HOPE AS BEING CONNECTED TO PREVIOUS U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE RESISTANCE UNQUOTE.
3. TFHA/H BELIEVES THE HOPE REVISED CSAP PROPOSAL, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT FROM JOHNNY LONG AND RICARDO CALDERON, COULD BE VIEWED QUITE POSITIVELY BY HONDURANS. THE PROPOSAL WILL INCLUDE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DANLI HOSPITAL AND ARENALES CLINIC AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO ADDITIONAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH FACILITIES. BECAUSE

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THESE FACILITIES ARE RUN BY THE MOH, THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD THAT THEIR SERVICES WILL BENEFIT NICARAGUAN PATIENTS OVER HONDURAN. HOPE ALSO PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH AND RUN A CLINIC IN CAPIRE; ONCE THE ERN CLINIC MOVES FROM THERE, THE HOPE CLINIC WILL SERVE PREDOMINANTLY HONDURAN CLIENTELE.

4. TFHA/H NOTES REFTEL PARA. THREE LANGUAGE ABOUT QUOTE A CSAP ACTIVITY FOCUSED ON NICARAGUANS UNQUOTE. OUR ORIENTATION IS THAT CSAP ACTIVITIES FOCUS ON CHILDREN, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM IN MOST, BUT NOT ALL, LOCATIONS ARE NICARAGUAN.

5. IN SUMMARY, WE SEE NO REASON NOT TO PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH REVIEW OF HOPE PROPOSAL.
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